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The General Assembly Session

Your Editor was in Richmond on Saturday, to witness the closing session of the General Assembly, ending shortly after midnight.

The session may be a landmark in Virginia political history. There were vital cleavages in opinion as among the traditional rural areas of the state, and the rapidly expanding urban areas. It would seem to me, that this one item was the explanation for many of the differences of opinion as among sincere representatives, by and large, the urban representatives were willing to increase expenditures, and to undertake programs and new governmental ventures, which the rural representatives felt their economy could not support.

Faced with an unbalanced budget the final session saw a group of increased taxes imposed. We saw no other alternative, after the decision had been made to spend extra money. However, we have been alarmed at the rapidly increasing budgets in Virginia, and we know of so very many whose incomes are not moving upward in this accelerated pace. And this is said, in spite of the sheer fact that certain urban areas are now accustomed to paying out more and more for shy and everything.

How to reconcile, for the best advantage of all, the demand for increased spending, with the limits of the traditionally conservative rural areas of the Old Dominion offers a tremendous challenge.

It is the thinking of this newspaper that the time is at hand when the conservatives and moderates of Virginia must "close ranks" and select leaders in our state government around whom to rally. An unbalanced budget was narrowly averted at the session just ended. The trend seems definitely toward larger and larger spending. This newspaper is aware of bigger needs, and knows that demands upon government are constantly increasing. But, we feel that appropriations must be examined with great care, and pruned in every way possible, with sound public service and policy, and that the traditional financial solvency of the state preserved.

In times past, the conservatives in Virginia have been strong enough to win victories at the polls, even if they had several candidates in the field. We feel that the time is coming when the conservatives and the moderates must get together and rally around one strong and popular candidate to head the state. Divided, we will fall.

With that in mind, The Times-Virginian may not long delay announcing its recommendation for the office of next Governor of Virginia.

Finally, we would commend to every citizen the idea of attending at least one session of the General Assembly. It is a rewarding experience, both for you as an individual, and it lets your representative know that you are concerned in the important decisions he makes.

Prosperous Times Ahead

Government financial and economic experts in Washington believe that the danger of an inflationary spiral is lessening steadily. One official was recently quoted as saying that if the federal government keeps its budget in shape, the 1956-57 inflationary spiral might prove to have been the last.

This is an optimistic forecast, concerning inflation, and one which we hope is correct. Moreover, many government officials are now saying that they do not see a period of adjustment, or recession, in 1960.

A prominent economic expert in Washington even predicted in recent days that good business would prevail throughout the United States at least through 1961, without any recession. These are encouraging words.

The United States cannot continue to experience inflationary spirals and successfully compete with the economic challenge of communism. Our economy in the United States has not been expanding, percentage-wise, as fast as the Soviet economy, and this is a cause for concern.

Few people decline an invitation to a good meal, regardless of how busy they may be.

The Case For The South

Bill Workman, a well-known reporter in South Carolina, has written a book entitled, "A Case For The South."

It is like a single voice crying out amid a massive deluge of condemnation of the South, and its way of life. Although many people will take strong exception to the case, as outlined by Workman, it is a case which deserves the sincere scrutiny and consideration of every thinking American.

Tolerance for the other man's views, and the other man's opinions, is one of the basic foundation stones of a democratic society. The wise man, is one who realizes that there are two sides to most every question, and Workman has presented the case for the South—and the majority of the Southern people — in no uncertain terms.

Even for those who do not subscribe to anything in the book, the reading of it would be a beneficial experience. It helps to explain, as few books do, just why events happen as they do in the South, why the people feel as they do, and outlines the causes and factors which come into play in this part of the nation, with its widely misunderstood dilemma.

Oregon and Democratic Candidates

In Oregon, come May 20th, citizens will have a chance to vote on a number of Democratic candidates in the presidential primary.

This was assured recently when Democratic Senate Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, and Senator Stuart Symington, of Missouri, announced that they would not withdraw their names from the May 20 Oregon presidential primary.

This means, in effect, that they are running against Senator John F. Kennedy and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, of Massachusetts and Minnesota, the other two primary Democratic candidates.

Complicating it all is the fact that Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, is also running.

While most observers expect Morse to win—in his home state—the showing of the other candidates will be interesting to observe. Senator Johnson is counting on his strong ties with Westerners to gain him some votes. Senator Kennedy is hoping to make the strongest showing, and Senators Symington and Humphrey will also be eager to make a respectable showing.

As far as is known, this is one of the few tests that all the Democratic candidates will be involved in. Therefore, the Oregon primary on May 20th will be of special interest to Democrats and Republicans all over the country, and the results of that primary may be more important than primary results in one state usually are.

We wonder what the workers of 1850 would think of the 40-hour week.

The deliberate misuse of freedoms is as dangerous as their suppression.

Some of the people we run across are baffled by their own ignorance.

A nation, like an individual, has no rights which brutes, with greater power, will respect.

Remember the time when everyone rushed out of doors to see a lone airplane flying overhead?

The time to start saving for your old age is today; you will never begin at some time in the future.

If you want to decide anything rightly, consider the long range profit along with the short range gain.

In An Orderly Manner

If you want a job done, give it to a busy man. He'll have his secretary do it. —Kreolite, Iowa, News.

Absolutely

When a man changes his mind as much as a woman, chances are he's married to her. —Jax Air News, Jacksonville, Fla.

Uruguay gives U. S. a list of aid needs.

Bible Materials: Acts 27:1 through 28:15.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 107:23-32.

Shipwreck

Lesson for March 26, 1960

"ALL these things are against me," said a down-hearted old man once. Even the young and strong get the feeling that certain kinds of things are against them. We all do, more or less. When bad weather sets in; when people won't take our advice; when we see trouble coming — and have no way to stop it; when we are alone in the midst of strangers; when we've been in jail for two years; when we are the slow man on the "seven rules"—we feel these things are against us. We seldom think of them as even doors to opportunity.

Dr. Foreman

Situation Out Of Hand

When we are riding the situation, so to speak, when we are in the driver's seat and have everything well in hand; when things are happening because we ordered and arranged things that way; then we sing that everything's coming our way. But when the situation is not in hand, when every thing about the situation is either unexpected or unwanted and nothing good can be said about it, then we groan that everything is against us. Nothing is more depressing than a situation out of hand.

However, there was a remarkable Christian whose story is told in the book of Acts, who never would admit that everything was against him. He always knew God was for him, and that was the main point. Situations might get out of his hands but, not out of God's hand. Consider Paul, one of a batch of prisoners aboard a grain-ship on a grey November day, bound across the Mediterranean to the empire's capital.

When he stepped on board he was already at the bottom of the heap. He had been two years in jail, he was then actually shackled with a chain, he was probably not in good health, he had only one or two friends with him, the rest were all prisoners, soldiers and sailors, a pretty rough crowd for a preacher. Not only that, but he had given good advice (Don't sail, the stormy season is starting) but had been turned down. Paul was an old Mediterranean hand, he knew the weather signs. But nobody paid him any mind. Then came the storm and the shipwreck. Read all about it in Acts. It was a narrow squeak.

Little Man to Big Man

The point is, Paul never spent a minute wishing he were in a better situation. He never put in a complaint that all these things were against him. He used the opportunity all these disasters gave him. But he did not use it for himself, he used it for others. To be sure, he could not resist saying in effect "I told you so." But he did not stop with that. He became the most useful and most respected man on the ship. When they started he was just another prisoner, a little man in every sense; when the crash came he was the big man. For one thing, he brought courage to the others by his own faith. He talked language they could not understand. Get something to eat, he said. And don't let anybody steal the life-boat.

Always A Witness

Paul did preach, though. He was not a man to let a chance go by. He preached by his very attitude, but he also gave witness in words. He said just why it was that he was so confident. His faith was not in himself nor in the ship's captain, it was in God. Now it is no news that men pray in hurricanes. But it is news when men in hurricanes do not pray mostly for themselves. There is a lovely touch in what Paul said to the other seasick men on the stormy deck. The angel of his dream had said to him: "God has granted you all those who sail with you." Paul thinks of his fellow-passengers—even of the soldiers who had him in charge, the crew, everybody—thinks of them as his own because God had given them to him. A man who does not ask special favors for himself, a man who, if he is going to be saved, wants others to be rescued with him—a man like that will get a hearing when he speaks a good word for the God to whom he belongs and whom he serves.

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KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

How do you compute standard time, from "mean sun time" in obtaining the actual specific time in our locality?

Fishermen, hunters, and those who study weather or the stars, etc., can obtain the exact time for their home community by a simple rule, used with an accurte map.

They should add four minutes for every degree of longitude they are west of the Meridian measured from.

Or, subtract four minutes for every degree you are east of the Meridian used. That will give you the exact time for your home community.

Homemakers Items

Impatient for spring to come? You can bring a hint of spring into your home by forcing some of the lovevine shrubs into bloom during March. Here's how, as outlined by Extension specialists:

Select branches from trees or shrubs that normally bloom early. Be sure the branches are well supplied with flower buds. Place the branches in a jar of water in a cool room. After the buds swell, move them into a room at ordinary room temperature. Many of the forsythia, can be placed at ordinary room temperature at the start.

Quicker results can be obtained by emersing the branches in warm water for 10 to 15 minutes when they are first brought into the house. Syringing the branches every day with water will help hasten the swelling of buds. Recut the stem ends and change the water occasionally.

Branches which can be forced easily into bloom for their first flowers include flowering quince, forsynthia, winter jasmine, spiren, cornelian cherry, star magnolia, redbud, winter or fragrant honeysuckle, shadblow, and viburnum.

Branches which can be forced for attractive leaves or catkins include hazelnut, alder, pussywillow, currant, birch, red maple, beech, poplar, and mountain ash.

More difficult to force are flowering dogwood, bladdernut, mockorange, lilac, and various fruit trees such as cherry, peach, plum, apple, and pear.

Dress Shop Invaded

Santa Barbara, Calif. A doe charged through a window and scampered among the dresses in Miss Margaret Logan's store, in Santa Barbara. Considerable stock was ruined before Miss Logan opened the door and let the deer return to the nearby mountains.

Administration backs cotton textile import fees.

Drive to eliminate TB is announced.

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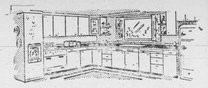

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Seventh grade, Mrs. Jean A. Hesson: Jimmy Cravens, Hazel Fields, Eugene Phelps, Wilfred Rogers, Eugene Shirey, Lynd Staten, Eugene Williams, Rebekah Barger, Nancy Boney, Susan Burke, Jean Cole, Carolyn Cordell, Carolyn Good, Melanie Greene, Grey Holland, Mary Elizabeth King, Linda Love, Mary Catherine Mann, Lois Mays, Susan O'Brien, Anita Richardson, Vickie Smith, Faye Steele.

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First grade, Mrs. Lizie B. Staples —Daniel Gilbert Gallier, James Douglas McCormick, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Aileen Minerva Torrence.

had a minium fluctuation of 32 percent.

The diversified income could be expected to fall between $3,452 and $7,349 in two-thirds of the years. In this case, the increased certainty was obtained at some sacrifice in income.

So, it may be concluded that a combined dairy-hog operation is one means of decreasing income-uncertainty in Minnesota. More important, diversification, while it may tend to decrease average income, should also prove to be an importans means of lowering relative variations in income in Virginia.

Definition

The neck — something you won't get in trouble up to, if you don't stick it out. —Grapevine, Vallejo, Calif.

DIVERSIFICATION ON FARM HELPS KEEP INCOME STEADY

A new version of the old advice "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" is forthcoming from agriculture economists at VPI.

The farmer who "diversifies" — who has more than one money-making farm operation — will have less trouble with ups and downs of his income, says Economist Paul Hoepner.

This fact is pointed up in a report from Minnesota and Virginia conditions, the work has interest in this state.

After removing individual differences between farmers, the Minnesota test results show variations in income, attributed to risk. It was found that dairy farmers had less variation in their income than did hog producers.

Dairymen had an average gross income of $4,875. In two out of three years this income could be expected to fluctuate by 36 percent, or fall between $3,120 and $6,630. Hog producers had an average return of $6,854, but with a 42 percent fluctuation. Their income could be expected to be between $3,975 and $9,733 in two-thirds of the years.

There was less relative variation income on a diversified dairy and hog operation than there was for one specializing in either dairy or hogs A 65 per cent dairy and 35 per cent hog operation produced an average gross income of $5,568 and

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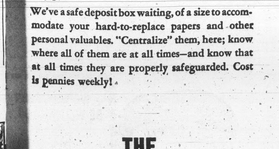

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